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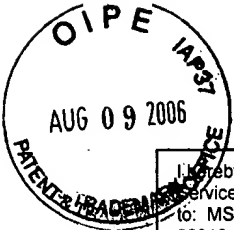
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The United States Patent and Trademark Office issued an office action on May 18, 2006. A response is due on August 18, 2006. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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